

## COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2014

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### OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

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Jennifer Koch of 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW addressed Council and said she thinks the City has too many parks and asked the Council to consider removing half the parks and using the parks that are eliminated for housing and businesses to grow the tax base. Ms. Koch asked Council how the City is going to help homeless teens in Anoka County and said that information from the School District indicates that Coon Rapids has a lot of homeless teens.

Ms. Koch asked the Council how, as elected officials, they feel about calling taxpayers derogatory names. She then said that she takes pride in being a professional and, while working in her profession, she would never have insulted anyone because she knew where her salary came from.

Dale Koch of 127<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW addressed the Council and suggested there is a double standard in the City regarding building permits. He then alluded to a situation regarding a resident on 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue building a deck without a permit. Mr. Koch then suggested that a resident on Eagle Street had done concrete work without a building permit.

Mr. Koch provided Council with an overview of the situation that unfolded in Bell, California which began back in 2010. Mr. Koch indicated that the Council, Mayor and city employees in Bell were put in jail for "cooking the books".

Jerry Pierce of 12236 Partridge Street addressed the Council and requested information on the Committee meetings that took place regarding the Harvest Grill situation. He then said that residents do not know what is happening and he would like to see a Council discussion and an update from the Mayor tonight at this meeting.

### CALL TO ORDER

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The second regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of October was called to order by Mayor Tim Howe at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, in the Council Chambers.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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Mayor Howe led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

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Members Present: Mayor Tim Howe, Councilmembers Denise Klint, Ron Manning, Paul Johnson, Jerry Koch, Bruce Sanders and Steve Wells

Members Absent: None

## ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING ITEM 12 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-97, AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

### 1. HEART SAFE CITIZEN AWARDS

Officer Brian Platz indicated the Heart Safe Coon Rapids Program and the Coon Rapids City Council would like to acknowledge citizens Mark Snell, Jennifer Fritz, Kristen Shields and Ryan Radke with an Outstanding Citizen Award for their heroic efforts in saving the life of Tim Buck, who collapsed from sudden cardiac arrest on July 31, 2014 at a summer concert at the Coon Rapids Dam. Tim Buck is alive and well today thanks to the efforts of these individuals and their willingness to step forward to perform compression-only CPR and use an AED to re-start Tim's heart...all of this *before* paramedics arrived on the scene.

Officer Platz indicated Kim Wolf and Jinny Jorgenson will also be honored with a Citizen Recognition award for their help in comforting Fatima Buck, Tim's wife, during this incident. They went above and beyond to help Fatima remain calm, provide support and make sure she was never alone while going through this traumatic event involving her husband. Certificates were awarded to the individuals being honored.

Officer Platz recognized the emergency responders and fire fighters who also assisted in saving Tim's life. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 2. OCTOBER 7, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

3. RECEIVE GAMBLING EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FIRST HALF OF 2014
4. ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-96 ORDERING A HAZARDOUS BUILDING AT 9910 LINNET STREET, COON RAPIDS MN 55433 TO BE RAZED AND REMOVED IF THE

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#### HOME IS NOT REPAIRED

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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#### REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

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5. OPEN MIC REPORT – SHELLY IVERSON – 149 104<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE – RE: THE RIVERWIND TEEN CENTER
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Mayor Howe discussed Ms. Iverson's comments made during Open Mic at the October 7, 2014 Council meeting.

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#### PUBLIC HEARING

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None.

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#### OLD BUSINESS

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6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-4(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REHABILITATION OF WELLS 8, 9, 10 AND 13
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 15-4(8) APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR REHABILITATION OF WELLS 8, 9, 10 AND 13. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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#### NEW BUSINESS

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7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURSUIT OF BIDS FOR WORK ON DRAINAGE PROBLEM AREA
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO AUTHORIZE PURSUIT OF BIDS FOR WORK ON DRAINAGE PROBLEM AREAS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. INTRODUCE PROPOSED ORDINANCE SETTING DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION OF EXTERIOR WORK

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO INTRODUCE THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE SETTING DEADLINES FOR COMPLETION OF EXTERIOR WORK. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH ANOKA COUNTY

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT WITH ANOKA COUNTY.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the Fire Department could use the structure for training purposes. Fire Chief Piper stated he would look into this possibility.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MHC BUNKER HILLS, LLC

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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Wayne Morrissey, MHC Bunker Hills, LLC, introduced his St. Paul-based family owned business to the Council. He explained he had 1,000 employees in Minnesota, which provide hospitality to the marketplace. He was thrilled to be working with the City of Coon Rapids on this venture. He discussed the positive work history he had with public entities.

Councilmember Manning asked if the catering name would change. Mr. Morrissey recommended the catering venue name be changed to the Bunker Hills Convention Center for branding purposes. He did not suggest changing the name of the Harvest Grill.

Mayor Howe looked forward to working with the Morrissey Hospitality Companies.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MHC BUNKER HILLS, LLC.

Councilmember Sanders appreciated the time staff and the three subcommittee Councilmembers spent reviewing potential candidates for this position.

Councilmember Klint thanked staff for the thorough reports provided to the subcommittee members as this greatly assisted the group in making a final decision.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CLASS A ON SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MHC BUNKER HILLS, LLC D/B/A HARVEST GRILL WITH CONDITIONS

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO APPROVE THE CLASS A ON SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MHC BUNKER HILLS, LLC, D/B/A HARVEST GRILL CONDITIONED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE LICENSE AND INVESTIGATION FEES BE PAID;
2. SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ON PARTNERS AND RESTAURANT MANAGERS OF MORRISSEY HOSPITALITY COMPANIES, INC.;
3. RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EVIDENCING APPROPRIATE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE;
4. RECEIPT OF A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE EVIDENCING WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE; AND
5. RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF ANOKA COUNTY FOOD SERVICE LICENSE.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-97, AWARDED THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mark Ruff, Ehlers & Associates, reviewed the results of the bond sale and commended the City on its AA bond rating. He was pleased to report the City received seven bids for the bonds and noted the interest rate came in one-half percent lower than anticipated. He reported this was a positive reflection on the City of Coon Rapids. He explained the bonds were set to close on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-97, AWARDING THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

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Councilmember Koch requested an update on Northdale Boulevard. Public Works Director Himmer discussed the changes being made to this Northdale Boulevard, based on requests made by the school district.

Councilmember Johnson requested the City speak with Burlington Northern regarding the condition of the tracks at Hanson Boulevard. Public Works Director Himmer stated he had spoken with Burlington Northern and there were issues with rerouting trains at this time. He indicated minor improvements would be made this fall with a larger project planned for next spring.

Councilmember Koch asked when Round Lake Boulevard would be reopened. Public Works Director Himmer commented the final lift would be put in place next week. He indicated the Round Lake Boulevard could not be used until the striping was complete, which should be complete by the end of October.

Mayor Howe thanked Community Development Director Nevinski for his 13 years of dedicated service to the City of Coon Rapids and noted his last day with the City would be October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Community Development Director Nevinski appreciated the opportunities he has had working for the City of Coon Rapids and stated this has been a great place to work. He wished the Mayor and Council well. A round of applause was offered by all in attendance.

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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH,  
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:54 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk